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Mr. Allen W. Dulles,
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My dear Allen:

I have your two letters and must tell you about Gesevius. He fulfilled the expectations stated in your letters. His testimony was most impressive. It was far more impressive than his statements to us at Wiesbaden. He stood up under cross-examination remarkably and an incident before he started gave his testimony particular importance. With the evident purpose of intimidating him, Goering got his lawyer to go to Schacht's lawyer and to Gesevius and tell them that if Gesevius mentioned Blomberg's marriage, Goering would let loose on Schacht with most damaging testimony. Gesevius notified me and said he was going to tell the Tribunal. When he attempted to, the Tribunal was about to stop him, thinking it was some irrelevant chatter, but I intervened and insisted that he be heard. The event made a profound impression because it was known for some time that Goering was intimidating and threatening others about him and this was the first time it broke into the open. For the first time, the defendants have really gone to trying each other.

Goering is in a badly depressed state. When I first started his cross-examination, to my astonishment the Tribunal made a ruling that he need not be confined to "yes" and "no" answers but would be permitted "to make any explanations he pleases." This was disastrous for it resulted in an avalanche of speeches for a couple of days until he was so cornered with documents that he could no longer deny a series of criminal acts, including participation in the order to shoot American fliers.

Gesevius' testimony was against a background of documents which sustained him so fully that it added to the impressiveness of his story. I thought you would be interested in knowing about this.

I was in Vienna a few days ago and had a note from Joan but did not see her.

I hope this will soon be over and I will have an opportunity to discuss some of the events with you.

Sincerely yours,

